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CINCEUR FOR POLAD, TEL AVIV FOR PAO, DELIVER BY 9 A.M.

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JUNE 8

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE
EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR JUNE 8, 1978.

Q. GENERAL GAMASSY, SPEAKING TO REPORTERS THIS MORNING,
CONFIRMED THAT EGYPT HAS SUPPLIED--OR WILL, OR IS IN THE
PROCESS OF SUPPLYING--SOME ARTILLERY PIECES AND SOME
TRAINING OFFICERS TO ZAIRE AND TECHNICAL AID TO
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SOMALIA.

A. HE SAID: "WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE THE MEANS TO GET
THEM THERE."

Q. DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE ANY VIEW ON THAT ONE?

A. I HAVE TO TELL YOU IS THAT I'M NOT ABLE TO VERIFY HIM
RIGHT NOW. I'LL TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU WANT ON IT AND
SEE WHAT MORE I CAN GET.

Q. DO YOU APPROVE, DISAPPROVE, OR HAVE NO POINT OF VIEW?

A. WE HAVE NOT REQUESTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT

TAKE ANY SPECIFIC ACTION. WE HAVE, AS YOU KNOW, ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS DISCUSSED THE GENERAL SITUATION,
DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA. PRESIDENT SADAT HAS SHARED OUR
DEEP CONCERN ABOUT EVENTS ON THE CONTINENT, BUT I DON'T
HAVE AN EXPRESSION TO OFFER ON IT.

Q. DO I UNDERSTAND YOU TO BE TAKING A QUESTION OF

WHETHER OR NOT WE CAN VERIFY THE INFORMATION?

A. NO. I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY AFTER WE GET MORE. MY ANSWER IS THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO VERIFY THE REPORTS. IF I'M ABLE TO VERIFY THEM, I WILL.

Q. DO YOU NORMALLY GET YOURSELF IN THE POSITION OF VERIFYING OR NOT VERIFYING A STATEMENT MADE BY A GUEST OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHO'S A MINISTER IN HIS GOVERNMENT?

A. NO. I'M TRYING TO ANTICIPATE A WHOLE HOST OF QUESTIONS WHICH YOU ALL UNDOUBTEDLY ARE GOING TO OFFER ME AS TO FUNDING SOURCES, AS TO POSSIBILITIES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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TRANSPORTATION, AND THE OTHERS -- ALL OF WHICH LOGICALLY BEGIN TO FLOW IN YOUR MINDS AS WELL AS MINE.

Q. HE SAID IT WAS NOT AMERICAN STUFF. HE SAID, "WE MAKE OUR OWN ARTILLERY PIECES," FOR INSTANCE.

A. YES. I'VE NOTICED THAT.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE LETTER OR A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH WENT OR WAS DELIVERED ON THE FIRST OF JUNE TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN?

A. NO. I AM NOT ABLE TO COMMENT ON PRESIDENTIAL LETTERS.

Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A LETTER OR A MESSAGE?

A. I CANT COMMENT ON THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A LETTER OR MESSAGE. VANCE

NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED ALGIERS.

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